

On June 22, about 20 Native American leaders met at Clinton/Gore '96 headquarters in Washington with representatives of the Campaign, the DNC and the White House. Fowler was originally expected to attend, among others, but was out of town due to a scheduling conflict. The DNC was represented by Crain, General Counsel Joseph Sandler and DNC Western Political Director Judy DeAtley, who had been the main liaison in setting up the event. According to DeAtley's June 23 memo to Fowler describing the meeting, Craig Smith stressed that the "Indian vote and financial support is critical" to the 1996 election. Crain and his Finance counterpart on the Re-elect Campaign staff explained that the Campaign needed to raise \$42 million, and that the Campaign would direct funds "over and above those permitted by law" to the DNC and state parties "that have an Indian Plan." DeAtley's memo also reflected that many of the points framed by Gover and Stetson in their June 19 briefing memo were covered at the June 22 meeting (including those noted in n. 531, *supra*).

On the evening of June 22, the DNC hosted a dinner for the visiting Indian leaders, which featured a DNC presentation concerning its Finance division and its other components. Records

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your Indian enemies. . . . When it comes [to] politics, though, you should embrace your friends and keep your adversaries at a distance. . . .

There is a lot of money in Indian country, and a lot of it has gone to the DNC and other Democratic causes in the last decade. . . .

[T]he tribes can be major financial players in California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, New Mexico, and Washington.

(Emphasis in original.) The memo also discussed at length the political potency of the Indian vote in certain key states, and specific political strategies for appealing to Indians and locking up their support. A note by Fowler reflects that he asked his political director to set up a meeting after reviewing this memo.